



# An implementation of the X-FEM for Eulerian solid-mechanics

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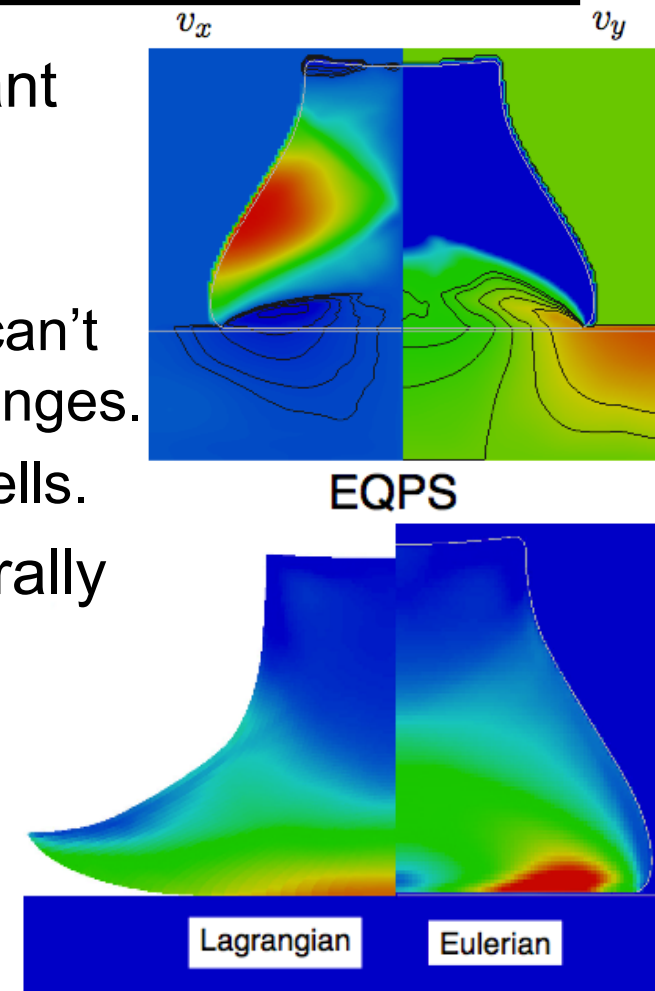
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# We use Eulerian approach but mixed material cells can be problematic:

- Multi-material problems with significant vorticity/distortion:
  - Lagrangian approaches tangle.
  - Arbitrary Lagrangian Eulerian (ALE) can't merge materials without topology changes.
  - Eulerian approach produces mixed-cells.
- Current mixed-cell approaches generally assume materials are “well” mixed:
  - Assume “equilibrated” state
  - Single velocity/displacement field
  - Lack of intra-element interfaces





# Lagrangian step requires closure model(s) for mixed-cell properties:

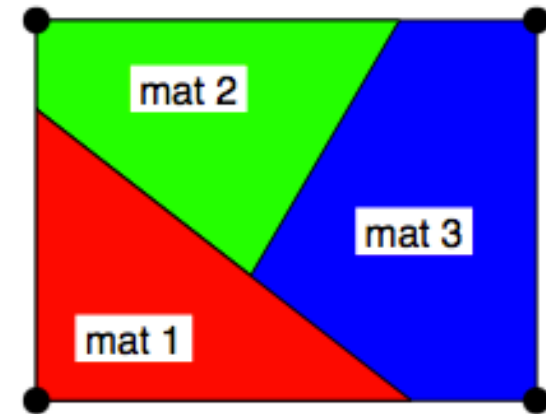
$$\mathbf{a}^n = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \left[ \mathbf{f}_{hg}^n + \mathbf{f}_{ext}^n - \int_{\Omega} \mathbf{B}^t \boldsymbol{\sigma}^n \right]$$

$$\mathbf{v}^{n+1/2} = \mathbf{v}^{n-1/2} + \overline{\Delta t} \mathbf{a}^n \quad \mathbf{x}^{n+1} = \mathbf{x}^n + \overline{\Delta t} \mathbf{v}^{n+1/2}$$

$$\mathbf{D}^{n+1/2} = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{L}^t + \mathbf{L})^{n+1/2} \quad \mathbf{D}_m = \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{D}, etc...)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma}_m^{n+1} = \mathcal{M}_m(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_m^n, \mathbf{D}_m^{n+1/2}, etc...) \quad e^{n+1} = e^n + \overline{\Delta t} m^{-1} \int_{\Omega} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_m^n : \mathbf{D}_m^{n+1/2}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} = \mathcal{G}(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_m, etc...)$$



Problem	Expected	Predicted



## Why X-FEM:

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- Mechanism for intra-element material interfaces.
- Retains base FEM convergence properties.
- Large literature base for X-FEM in context of large deformation, explicit Lagrangian mechanics.
- Beginning to be adapted to “operator-split” multi-material Eulerian solid-mechanics [VB06; DLZRM10]:
  - explicit (central difference) Lagrangian solve,
  - followed by data transfer “remap” to “better” mesh.
- Can be incorporated into existing explicit central-difference strength/hydrodynamics codes (ALEGRA).



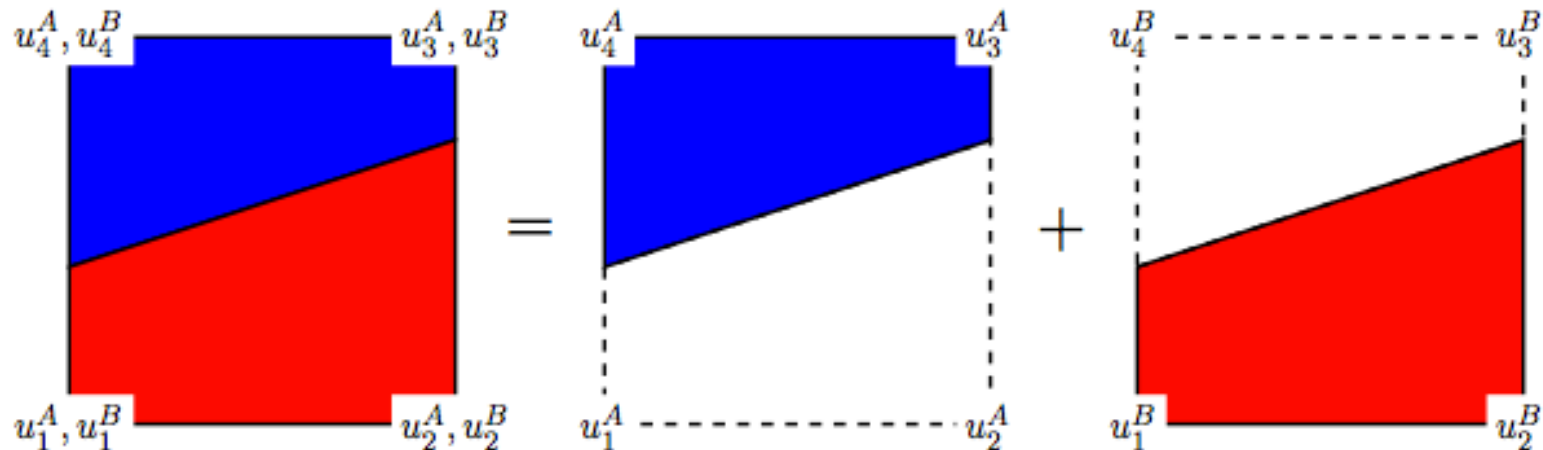
## We follow the XFEM decomposition approach [HH04, SAB06] ...

Multi-material enriched element equivalent to multiple single-material elements:

$$u^h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_I u_I^0(\mathbf{x}) N_I(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_m \sum_J u_J^m N_J(\mathbf{x}) H_m(\mathbf{x})$$

$$u^h(\mathbf{x}) = u_A^h(\mathbf{x}) + u_B^h(\mathbf{x})$$

$$u_m^h(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_J u_J^m N_J(\mathbf{x}) H_m(\mathbf{x})$$





## Explicit central difference discretization requires care for stability ...

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$$\mathbf{M}\mathbf{a}^n = \mathbf{f}_{int}^n + \mathbf{f}_c$$

- lumped mass matrix with uniform partitioning of element mass to nodes [MRMCB08]

$$\mathbf{M}_m^e = \left( \rho_m^e A^e \phi_m^e / 4 \right) \mathbf{I}_{8 \times 8} \quad \phi_m^e = A_m^e / A^e$$

- matched with gradient operator mean quadrature [SAB06]  $\bar{\mathbf{B}} = \int_{\Omega_e} \mathbf{B} d\Omega / A_e \quad f_{int,m} = \bar{\mathbf{B}}^t \bar{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_m A^e \phi_m^e$

- and constraint enforcement between X-FEM interfaces:

$$\mathbf{f}_c = ?$$



## **We understand the issues but use “node-segment-like” Lagrange Multipliers...**

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... in an attempt to:

- minimize interpenetration of X-FEM interfaces,
- and retain a finite stable time-step.
- Other options for explicit X-FEM:
  - Merge (small time step) [VB06]
  - Mortar lagrange multiplier (need care for LBB)
  - Penalty (overlap, mass modifications) [DLZRM10]
  - Nitsche’s (overlap, mass modifications) [AHD11]
  - Vital Vertices LM [BMW09, HAD11]

... so we use it anyway for it’s practicality and economy.



# Forward Increment Lagrange Multiplier approach [CTK91] ...

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{M} & \Delta t \mathbf{G}^t \\ \mathbf{G} & \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}^{n+1/2} \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}^n \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

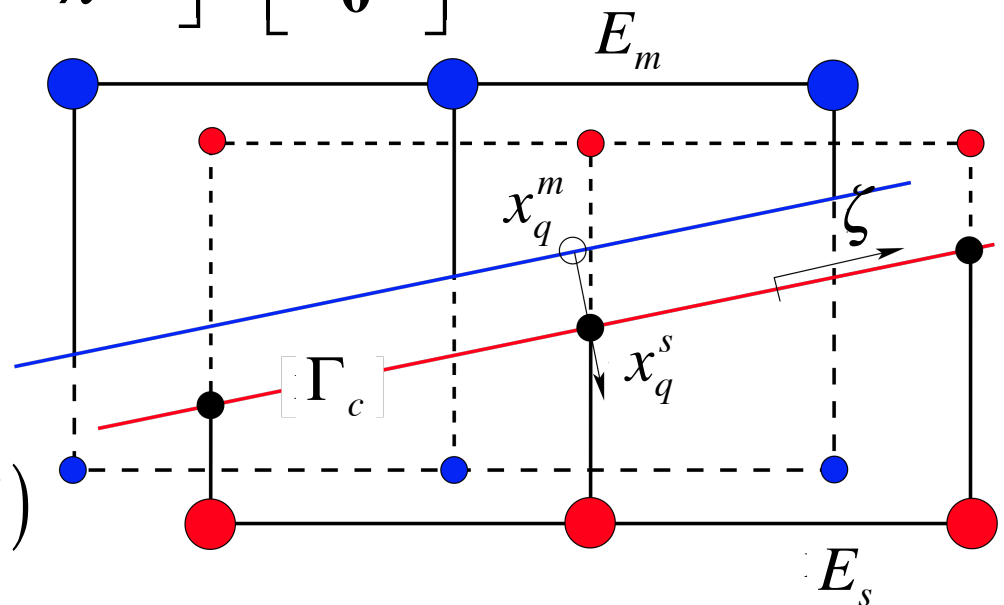
Algorithm:

$$\mathbf{v}_0^{n+1/2} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{f}^n$$

$$\mathbf{r}_i = \mathbf{G} \mathbf{v}_i^{n+1/2}$$

$$\lambda_{i+1} = \lambda_i + \mathbf{H} \mathbf{r}_i \quad \mathbf{H} \approx (\mathbf{G} \mathbf{M}^{-1} \mathbf{G}^t)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_{i+1}^{n+1/2} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} (\mathbf{f}^n - \Delta t \mathbf{G}^t \lambda_{i+1})$$



No additional limitations to stable time step [DLZRM10,VMR10]





## **Data transfer can be accomplished in a number of ways:**

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- With the goal of preserving some key features:
  - Conserve mass, momentum and internal energy.
  - Do not create new minima and maxima (monotonicity).
  - Volume fractions sum to one after remap.
- Options include:
  - Interpolation (violates conservation) [DLZRM10]
  - Projection methods (violates conservation and monotonicity)
  - Geometric intersection with Van Leer limiting
    - conservation is built in.
    - limiting preserves monotonicity.

# Geometric intersection with Van Leer limiting in two dimensions (1):

- Taylor Series provides functional form on donor mesh:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \underbrace{\bar{f}_e}_{\text{first-}} + \underbrace{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_e)^t \mathbf{G}_e}_{\text{second-}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_e)^t \mathbf{H}_e (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_e)^t}_{\text{third-order}} - \chi$$

$\chi$  provides conservation:

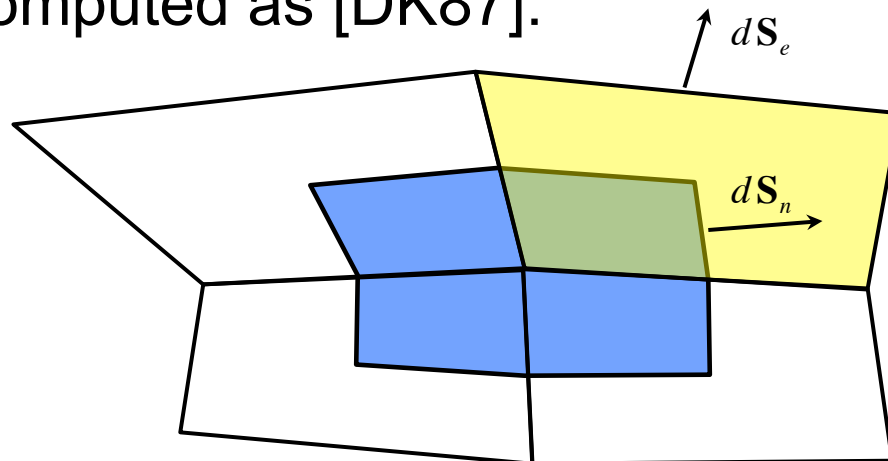
$$\bar{f}_e A_e = \int f(\mathbf{x}) d\Omega_e \Rightarrow \chi = \frac{1}{2A_{e \cap m}} \int (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_e)^t \mathbf{H}_e (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_e^t) d\Omega_e$$

- Gradients/hessians computed as [DK87]:

$$\mathbf{G}_n = \frac{1}{A_n} \oint \bar{f}_e d\mathbf{S}_n$$

$$\mathbf{G}_e = \frac{1}{A_e} \sum_n A_{n \cap e} \mathbf{G}_n$$

$$\mathbf{H}_e = \frac{1}{A_e} \oint \mathbf{G}_n d\mathbf{S}_e$$





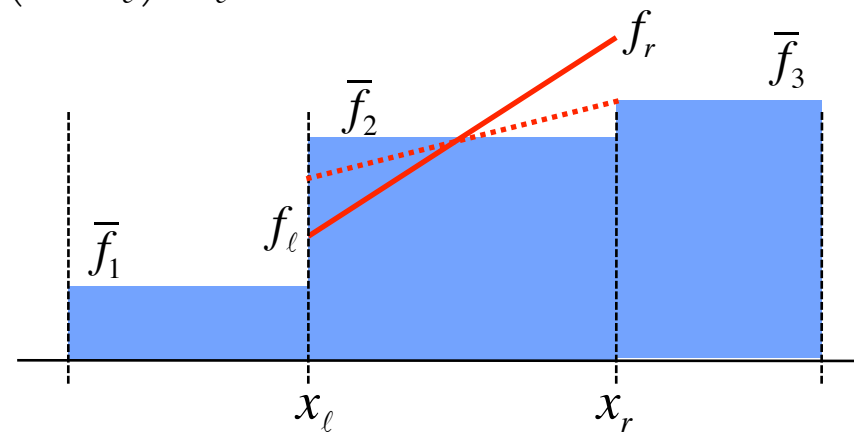
## Geometric intersection with Van Leer limiting in two dimensions (2):

- Scale gradient to enforce monotonicity:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{f}_e + s_G (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_e)^t \mathbf{G}_e$$

$$s_{G,r} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (f_r - \bar{f}_2)(\bar{f}_3 - f_r) \geq 0 \\ (\bar{f}_3 - \bar{f}_2) / (f_r - \bar{f}_2) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$s_{G,\ell} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (f_\ell - \bar{f}_2)(\bar{f}_1 - f_\ell) \geq 0 \\ (f_1 - \bar{f}_2) / (f_\ell - \bar{f}_2) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



$$s_G = \max(\min(s_{G,\ell}, s_{G,r}), 0)$$

- If third-order also scale hessian terms:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{f}_e + s_G (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_e)^t \mathbf{G}_e + s_H \left[ (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_e)^t \mathbf{H}_e (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_e)^t - \chi \right]$$



## Geometric intersection with Van Leer limiting in two dimensions (3):

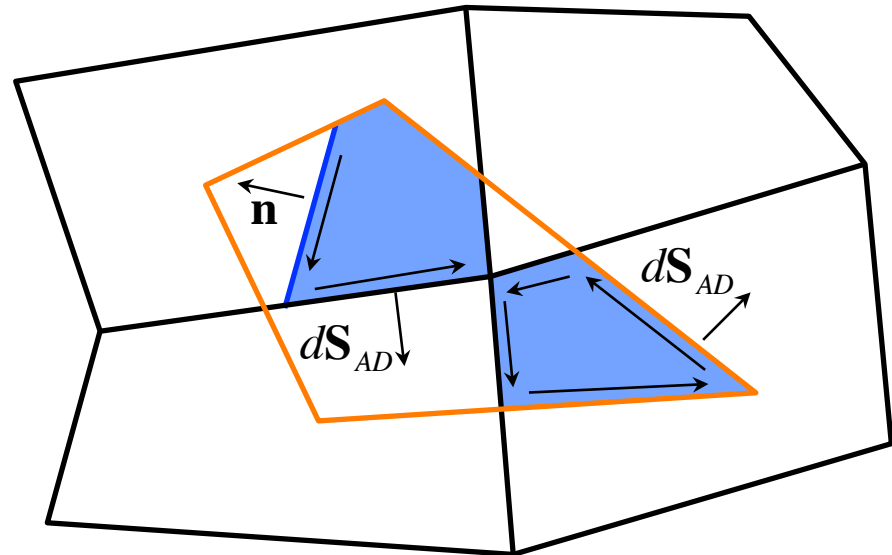
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- Integrate function over donor-acceptor intersection element and accumulate to acceptor [D83].

$$\bar{f}_A = \frac{1}{A_A} \sum_D \int_{A_D \cap A_A} f_D(\mathbf{x}) dA = \frac{1}{A_A} \sum_D \oint_{\Gamma_{AD}} \mathbf{g}_D(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{S}_{AD}$$

$\nabla^t \mathbf{g}_D(\mathbf{x}) \equiv f_D(\mathbf{x})$

- Further restrict integral to filled region of donor mesh.

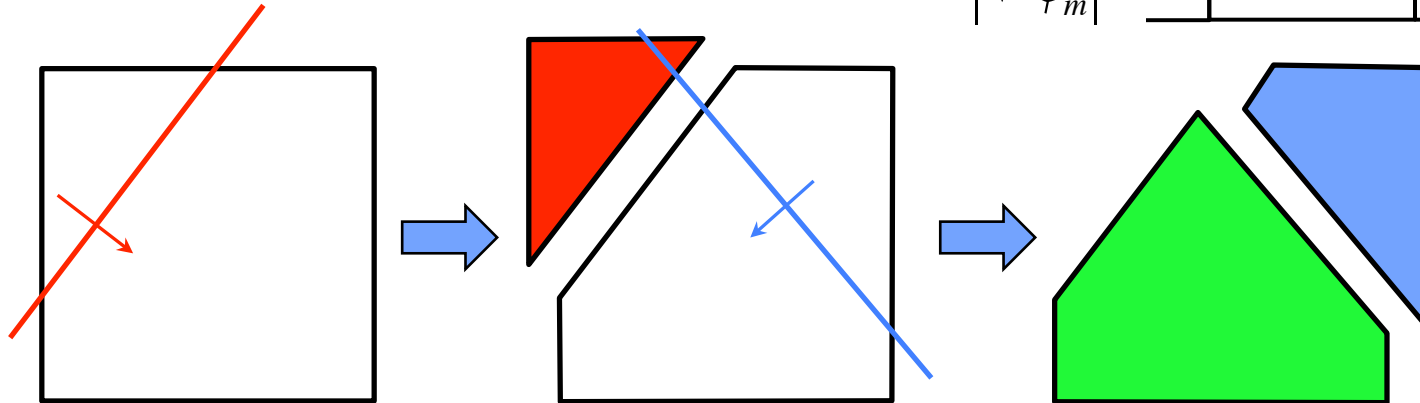


# Use interface reconstruction rather than level-set approach: [DVMR08]

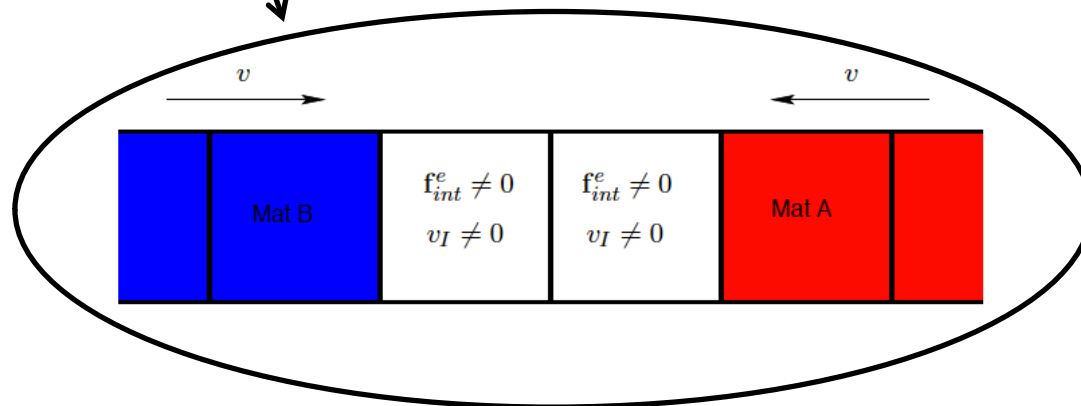
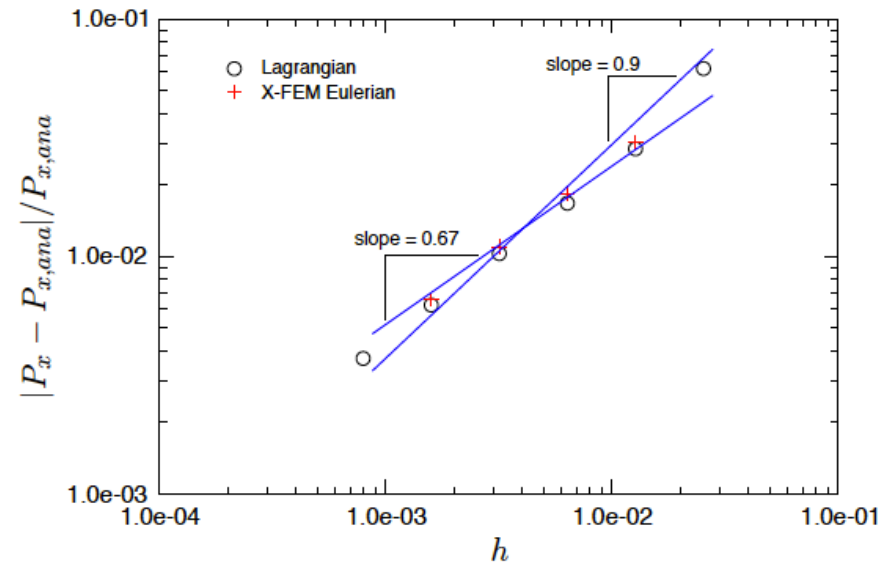
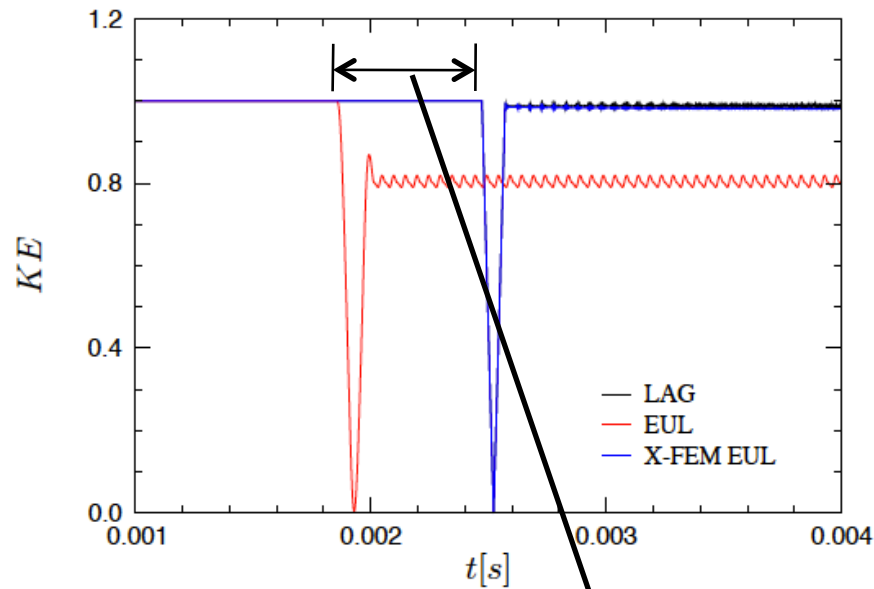
- Interfaces rebuilt after remap step.
- Using VOF approach:
  - Compute material volume-fraction gradients.
  - Reposition interface along normal to match volume.
  - Remove material from cell.

$$\mathbf{n}_m = \frac{\nabla^t \phi_m}{|\nabla^t \phi_m|}$$

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# Provides enhanced results for simple one-dimensional problem [CTK91]...

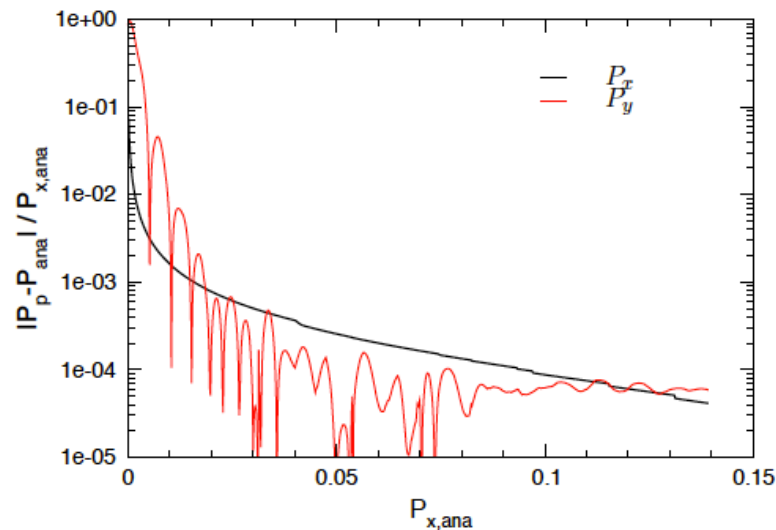
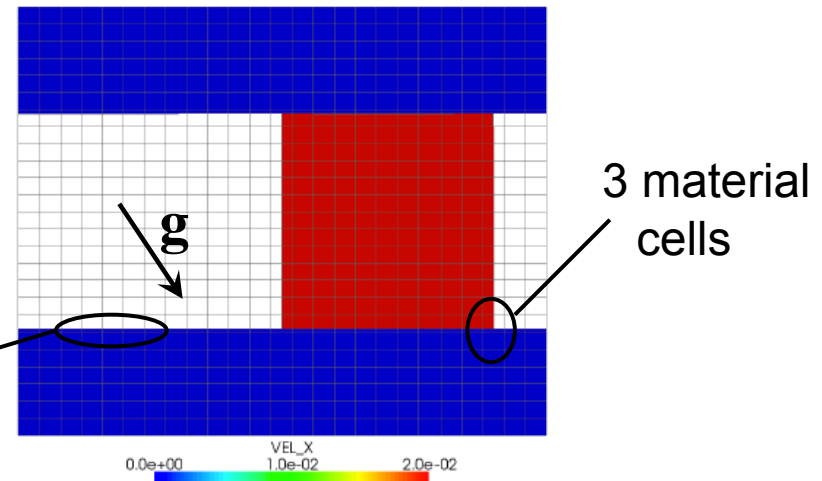




## ... and simple two-dimensional problems ...

“Rigid” block sliding  
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“rigid” platens.

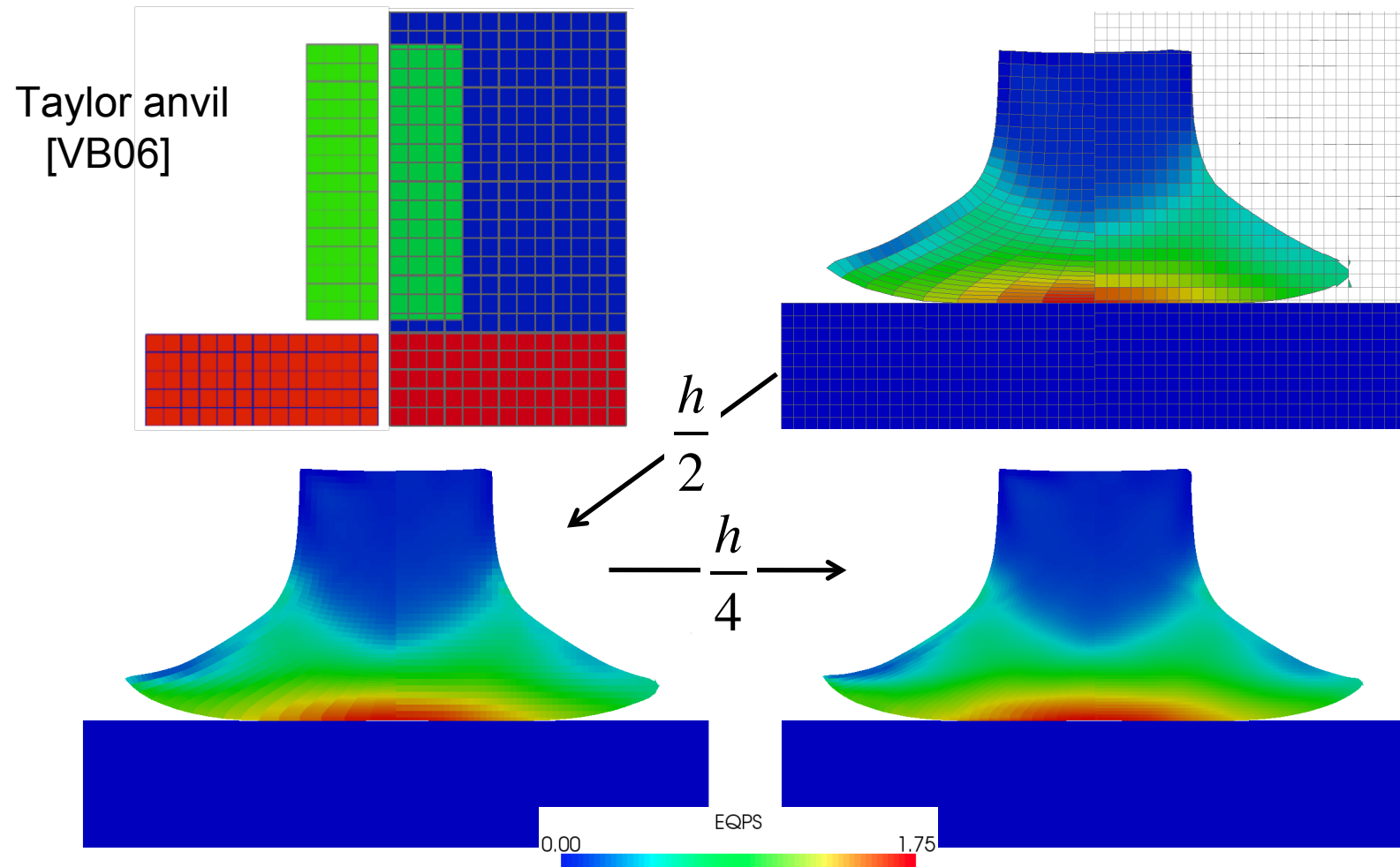
material not  
mesh-aligned



Excellent agreement for  
momentum compared  
to analytical solution.



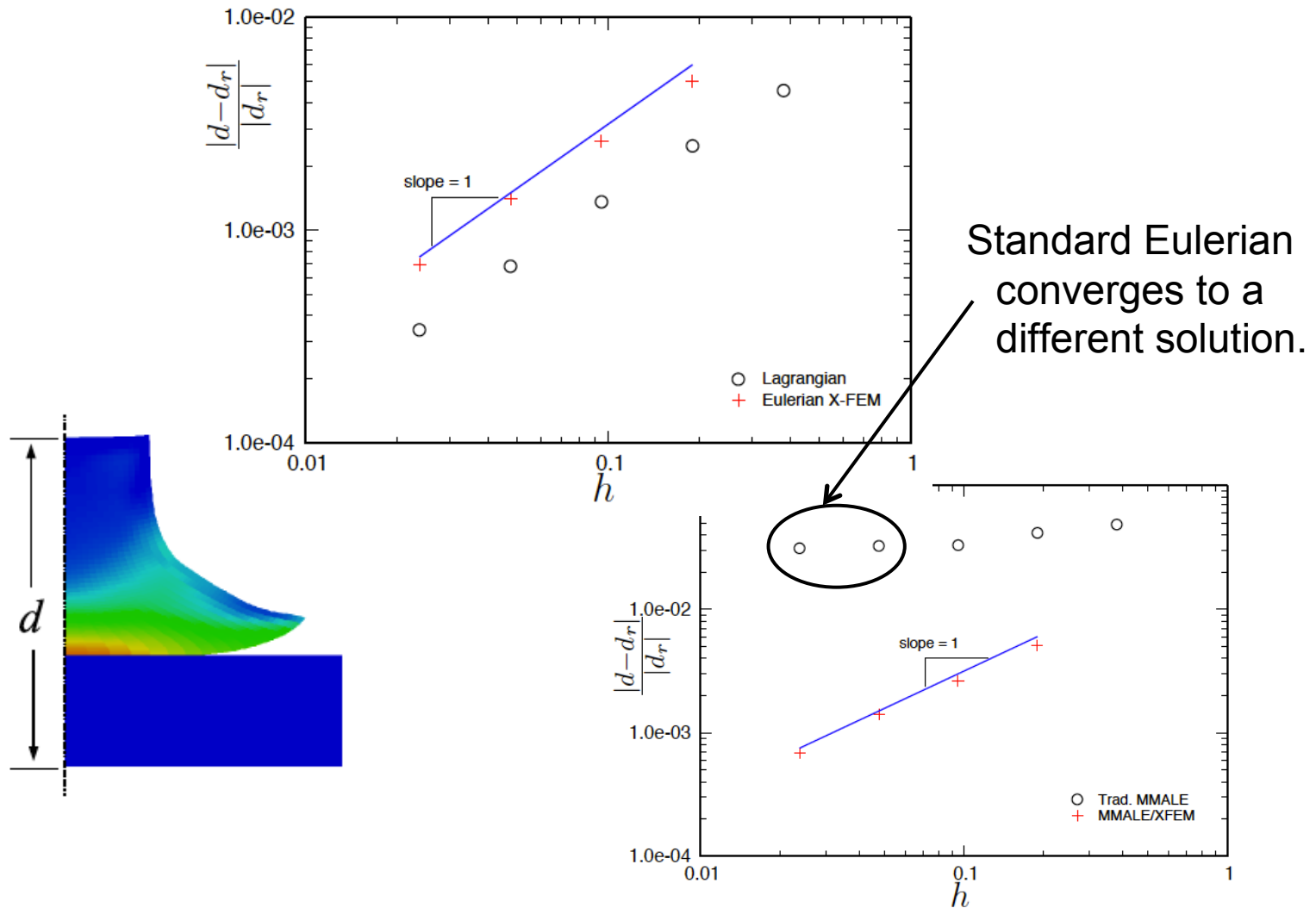
... and accuracy comparable to Lagrangian  
for more complex problems ...





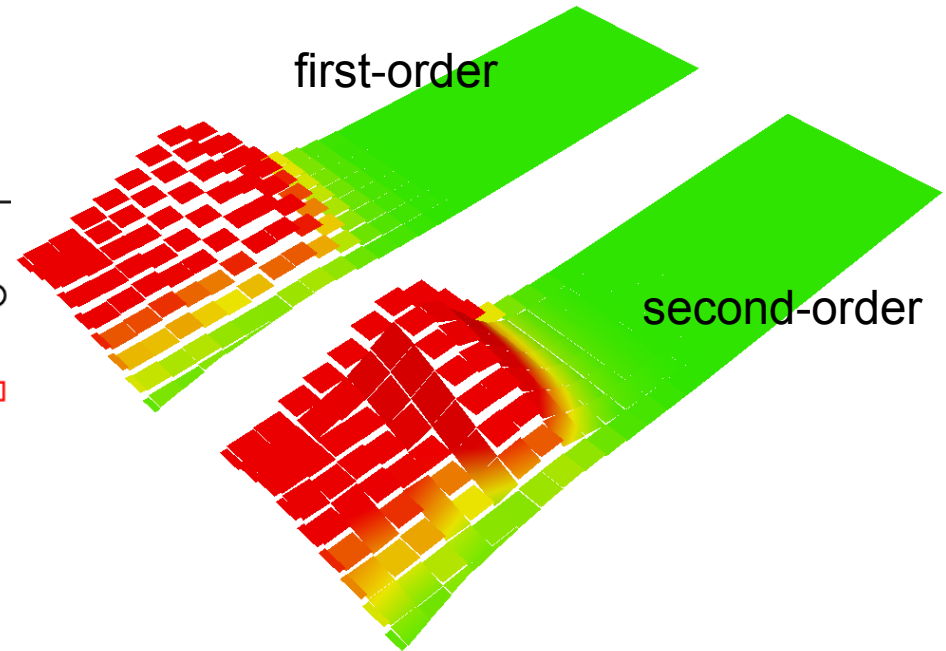
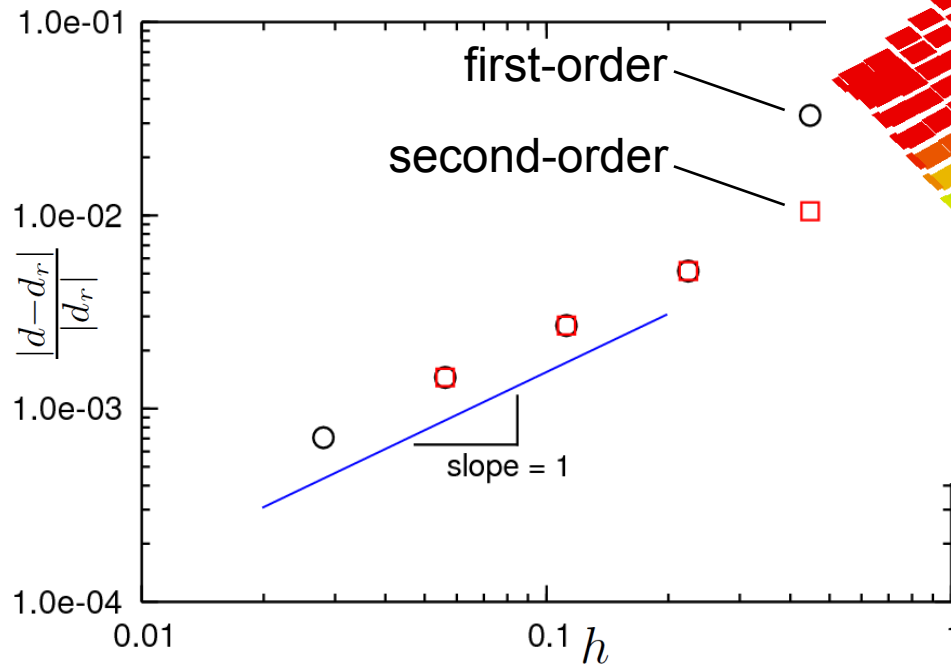


... as well as comparable rates of convergence ...



# For this problem remap order has little effect on accuracy/rate-of-convergence ...

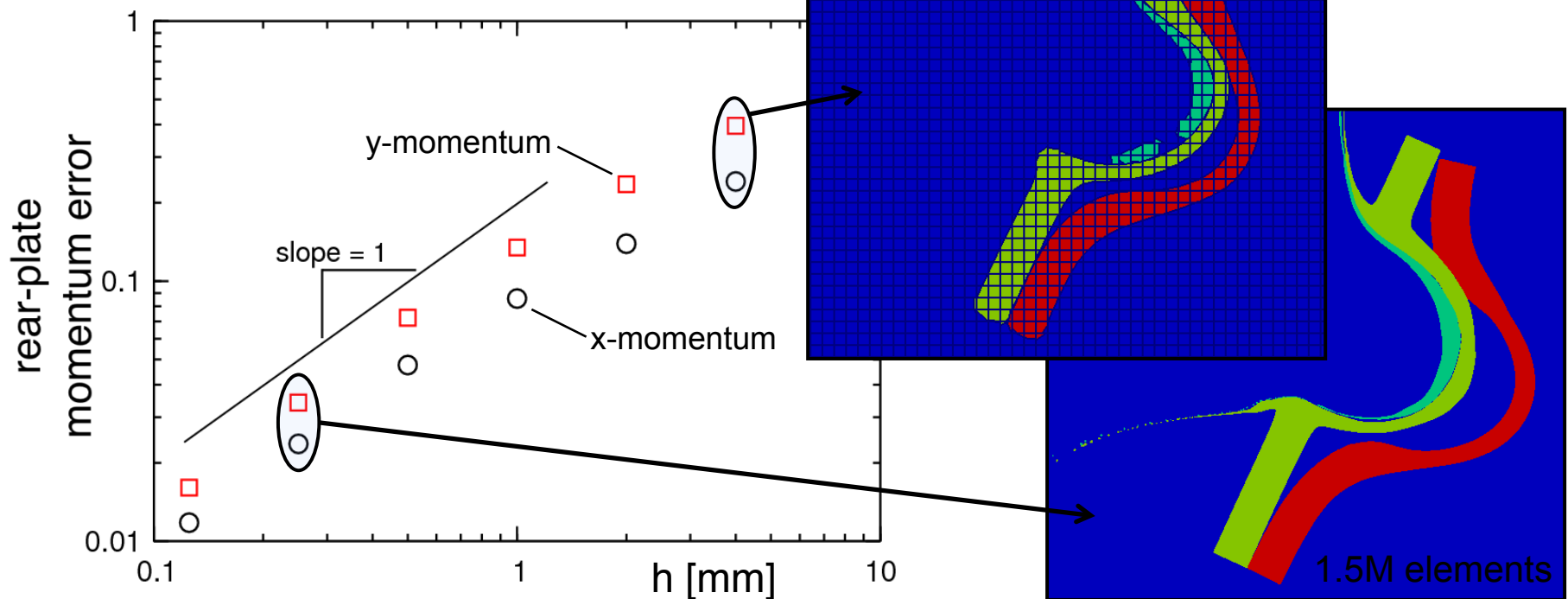
Convergence in height for first- and second-order remap.



Density reconstructions at early time.

## More complicated problems demonstrate the utility/advantages of the approach ...

Whipple Shield used in satellite protection.



High-velocity impact difficult for Lagrangian and unrealistic for Eulerian are possible with X-FEM.



## Conclusions:

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- Developing capability to more accurately treat multi-material cells in an “operator-split” ALE context.
- Capability builds on existing ALE infrastructure.
- Uses X-FEM ideas to provide provide unique kinematics for each material in a cell.
- Uses interface reconstruction rather than level-set ideas to address conservation and complex interface intersections.
- Employs higher-order, conservative remapping algorithms. Advantages are unclear at this point.
- Demonstrates good convergence/accuracy for problems investigated here.



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